your letter dated the 15th April 1993, if so, what are the details of the said order; and

(d) whether the representatives of "P&T SC/ST Employees Welfare Association" will be authorised on request to display photographs/portraits of Dr. Ambedkar at appropriate place in any office on their own expenses, where the Department is not able to arrange expenses:

(i) if so, what are the Directions issued by the Departments in this regard.

(ii) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Information is being collected from all Heads of Circles/Districts and other Administrative Offices and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir. A copy of instructions issued by the Department of Posts is attached. (*See below*)

(d) (i) & (ii) Any request made by the P&T SC/ST employees Welfare Association will be considered by the concerned Head of Circle in accordance with our instructions.

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F. No. BR-514/93 SST
Dated the 19 August, 1993

CIRCULAR

Suggestions have been received that the portraits/photographs of Baba Saheb Dr. B. R. Ambedkar should be displayed in Office premises/rooms etc. particularly in view of his Centenary Celebrations. There are no specific instructions issued by the Government about the display of protraits/photographs of National Leaders. The matter has been left to the Heads of Departments to decide whether they should exhibit such portraits in the office premises/rooms and if so of which particular leader, ensuring that no controversy arises out of the display of any portrait. In this connection the Ministry of Welfare have stated several Ministries/Departments/Offices/Public Sector Undertakings/Local Bodies etc. have taken up programmes of displaying of portraits/photographs of Baba Saheb as part of the Centenary Celebrations.

2. Keeping the above in view the Heads of Circles, etc. may decided any proposals for display of photographs/portraits of Baba Saheb Ambedkar, taking into account all factors.

—Sd/-

(B. PARABRAHMAM)
Sr. *DDG & Secretary*
(*Postal Services Board*)

Recommendation of Expert Panel of Telecom Commission for Induction of Six Switching Technologies

3652. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Ministry of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the experts panel of Telecom Commission has recommended the induction of six switching technologies;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) what is the procedure likely to be adopted to select the participants for the six switching technologies; and

(d) whether indigenous manufacturers would be given preference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Committee has recommended that in the case of large capacity exchanges (more than 10,000 lines) the number of technologies should initially be restricted to six.

(c) and (d) The normal procedure will be followed.